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To

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3411-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

From

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
(Rank) (Name)
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1 April 1944
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Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, now I sit me down to write you again after a lapse of about 3 weeks. I haven't written in the meantime because I knew that the letters couldn't be mailed. I still can't mail it for a few more days, but will write anyway.

I am reading more than I have ever read before in my life now, and enjoying it a lot. The sun is very hot, and I really have a nice suntan. I sit in the sun a lot, and it is wonderful. My mustache is full grown, and is trimmed, and really looking good.

I believe I have gained some weight on board the ship, although we only eat 2 meals a day, one at 9 AM, and the other at 5:30 PM. Although there is always a sandwich to eat in between times if you are in the know. And I have been so far.

You talk about hot, but it is really hot down here. I sweat all of the time. A nice swim would be wonderful now, but this cannot be at this time.

I never got the last box you sent, but probably it will catch up with me when I get to my destination. Right? Sure wish I could have a nice chicken now. I haven't had a glass of milk since I left the States, and that is a long time. This reminds me of the letter that Bert wrote from Bataan that he didn't have any milk. I have that letter with me now, and read it every once in a while to give me more inspiration. It was a beautiful letter, and I certainly am proud of it. Right? Maybe I will get to get Bert out of his trouble, like I used to always do. Right?

I know it will be long times when I cannot write to you, but don't worry, and keep writing to me as often as you have always done since I have been in the Army. Why don't you get a package of V-Mail and let Lottie address it for you on the typewriter, as that would make it a lot easier for you. As much as possible use V-mail, as it is a lot faster. Right?

Be good, regards to all of my friends, and write soon. Did you understand why I asked if you had heard from Lewis Block at the time? Huh?

Love, Harold

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